

several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed by the House on May 21, 1981, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on June 1, 1981, by a viva-voce vote.

Approved June 11, 1981.

Effective Sept. 1, 1981.

ATHLETIC TRAINERS—LICENSURE AND REGULATION

CHAPTER 437

H. B. No. 1689

An Act relating to the regulation of athletic trainers.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. Section 5(c), Chapter 498, Acts of the 62nd Legislature, Regular Session, 1971 (Article 4512d, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended ⁷⁰ to read as follows:

(c) The board shall establish guidelines, which may include requirements for continuing education, for athletic trainers in the state and prepare and conduct an examination for applicants for a license.

Sec. 2. Sections 8 and 9, Chapter 498, Acts of the 62nd Legislature, Regular Session, 1971 (Article 4512d, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), are amended ⁷¹ to read as follows:

Sec. 8. No person may hold himself out as an athletic trainer or perform any of the activities of an athletic trainer as defined in this Act without first obtaining a license or a temporary license under this Act.

Sec. 9. An applicant for an athletic trainer license must possess one of the following qualifications:

(1) have met the athletic training curriculum requirements of a college or university approved by the board and give proof of graduation; or

(2) hold a degree or certificate in physical therapy and have completed a basic athletic training course from an accredited college or university, and have completed an apprenticeship of 720 hours in two years under the direct supervision of a licensed athletic trainer acceptable to the board or as per board approval. Actual working hours will include a minimum of 20 hours per week during each fall semester; or

(3) hold a degree in corrective therapy with at least a minor in physical education or health which included a basic athletic training course and meet apprenticeship or any other requirement established by the board.

(4) An out-of-state applicant must fulfill one of the above stated qualifications, (1), (2), or (3), and submit proof of active engagement as an athletic trainer in the State of Texas as set forth in Section 16(b) of this Act.

70. Vernon's Ann.Civ.St. art. 4512d, § 5(c).

71. Vernon's Ann.Civ.St. art. 4512d, §§ 8, 9.

Sec. 3. Section 10, Chapter 498, Acts of the 62nd Legislature, Regular Session, 1971 (Article 4512d, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended by adding ⁷² Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) The board may issue a temporary license to an applicant under Subsection (a) of this section if the applicant meets the requirements of Section 9 of this Act and any other requirement established by the board. The board by rule shall prescribe the time during which temporary licenses are valid.

Sec. 4. Section 13, Chapter 498, Acts of the 62nd Legislature, Regular Session, 1971 (Article 4512d, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended ⁷³ to read as follows:

Sec. 13. (a) A person whose application for a license or license renewal is denied is entitled to a hearing before the board in accordance with the Administrative Procedure and Texas Register Act, as amended (Article 6252—13a, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), if the person submits to the board, not later than the 30th day after the day the license or license renewal is denied, a written request for a hearing.

(b) Proceedings for revocation or suspension of a license and appeals from those proceedings are governed by the Administrative Procedure and Texas Register Act, as amended.

Sec. 5. Section 14, Chapter 498, Acts of the 62nd Legislature, Regular Session, 1971 (Article 4512d, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is repealed.⁷⁴

Sec. 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 1981.

Sec. 7. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed by the House on May 23, 1981, by a non-record vote; House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1689 on June 1, 1981, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 31, 1981; Yeas 30, Nays 0.

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72. Vernon's Ann.Civ.St. art. 4512d, § 10, subsec. (c).

73. Vernon's Ann.Civ.St. art. 4512d, § 13.

74. Vernon's Ann.Civ.St. art. 4512d, § 14, repealed.